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Letter dated 19 May 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on observance of the ceasefire regime in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 17-19 May 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 19 May 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on observance of the ceasefire regime (17 May 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported eight incidents of gunfire in the following governorates: four in Hama, three in Damascus and one in Dar'a.

The Turkish representative office has reported four violations in the following governorates: two in Damascus, one in Homs and one in Dar'a.

Most of the incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out five humanitarian operations, including:

Three operations in Aleppo city, in which 3.6 tons of drinking water were delivered to the local population;

In Nubl in Aleppo governorate, 1.3 tons of food products were delivered to the local population;

In Dar'a, 1.7 tons of food parcels, toys and stationery supplies were delivered to the local population.

The total weight was 6.6 tons.

Humanitarian aid was provided to 2,094 people.

In total, 1,225 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

One United Nations humanitarian operation was carried out: the Russian airline Abakan Air parachuted a total of 21 tons of humanitarian cargo (food products) near to the city of Dayr-al-Zawr.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, no ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,497.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime have continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 218.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on observance of the ceasefire regime (18 May 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported eight incidents of gunfire in the following governorates: six in Damascus, one in Ladhiqiyah and one in Hama.

The Turkish representative office has reported three violations: two in Damascus governorate and one in Dar'a governorate.

Most of the incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and ISIL.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out four humanitarian operations in Aleppo city, delivering 4.8 tons of drinking water to the local population.

The total weight was 4.8 tons.

Humanitarian aid was provided to 1,507 people.

In total, 1,229 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

Two United Nations humanitarian operations were carried out:

A humanitarian convoy was sent from Ramtha, Jordan, to Tayyibah in Dar'a governorate;

The Russian airline Abakan Air parachuted a total of 21 tons of humanitarian cargo (food products) near to the city of Dayr-al-Zawr.

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Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on observance of the ceasefire regime (19 May 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

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The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported six incidents of gunfire: three in Damascus governorate and three in Hama governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported one violation in Hama governorate.

Most of the incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and ISIL.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out six humanitarian operations in Aleppo city, delivering 1.8 tons of food products to the local population.

Humanitarian assistance was provided to 783 people.

In total, 1,235 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

One United Nations humanitarian operation was carried out: the Russian airline Abakan Air parachuted a total of 21 tons of humanitarian cargo (food products) near to the city of Dayr-al-Zawr.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, eight ceasefire agreements have been signed with Tall al-Makhsar, Tall Abu Hayat, Tall-Halawa, Huwaysah al-Qibli, Huways al-Shamali and Dubay in Hama governorate and with Ayn Thawrah and Ballunah in Qunaytirah governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,505.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime have continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire has increased to 219.